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INTRODUCING INK IN THE SAME**

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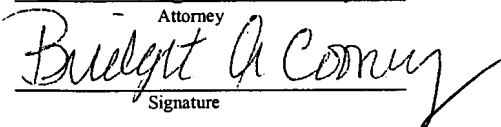
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In accordance with Applicant's continuing obligation to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office all references coming to his attention, which are related to the invention of the present application, Applicant hereby directs the Office's attention to the following references, copies of which are being submitted herewith. Form PTO-1449 listing the references is also enclosed.

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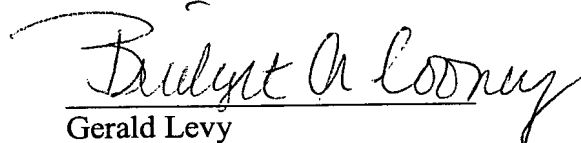
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The above references were cited in the European Search Report (ESR) of a counterpart application, European Patent Application No. 03027503.6. A copy of the Search Report is attached for the Examiner's convenience. The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the date of the Search Report.

Applicant is of the opinion that the present invention is patentable over these references, which are being submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to ensure that all pertinent art of which the Applicant is aware is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the present application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

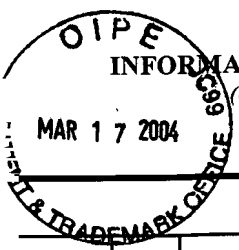


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